Sl. No.	States/U.Ts.	Demand	Allocation	Lifting (up to Jan., 2000)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	—
13.	Maharashtra	56000	41800	9347
14.	Manipur	7800	5215	56
15.	Meghalaya	1000	560	26
16.	Mizoram	600	306	45
17.	Nagaland	4800	2940	1636
18.	Orissa	20000	9100	956
19.	Punjab	—	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	—	—	—
21.	Sikkim	2200	1720	880
22.	Tamil Nadu	5400	3950	914
23.	Tripura	1100	660	101
24.	Uttar Pradesh	5000	5000	—
25.	West Bengal	53000	28000	4392
26.	A and N Island	250	177	—
27.	Chandigarh	—	—	—
28.	D and N Haveli	960	808	348
29.	Daman and Diu	1850	1561	430
30.	Delhi	5900	4950	1492
31.	Lakshadweep	400	334	118
32.	Pondicherry	11000	6800	859
	TOTAL	337360	215133	46736

Bufffer stock of foodgrains

1687. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the recommended buffer stock for wheat, rice and sugar in the

country;

(b) what was the position of buffer stock as at the end of 1999;

(c) whether the stock is sufficient to meet the domestic consumption during the year;

(d) whether Government propose to increase its storing capacity, in view of record production of wheat in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The recommended buffer stock for wheat and rice are as under:

(*Figures in lakh tonnes*)

As on	Wheat	Rice	Total
1st January	84.00	84.00	168.00
1st April	40.00	118.00	158.00
1st July	143.00	100.00	243.00
1st October	116.00	65.00	181.00

No buffer norms have been fixed for sugar.

(b) As on 1.1.2000 the stocks of wheat and rice in the central pool were 171.70 lakh tonnes and 141.82 lakh tonnes respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir. The stocks of wheat and rice during 1999-2000 held in central pool remained quite sufficient to meet the requirement of Public Distribution System.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) During the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2000), Food Corporation of India (FCI) has proposed to construct 4.55 lakh tonnes capacity at various centers subject to availability of Funds. Out of this, 1.74 lakh tonnes capacity has already been constructed. FCI has also proposed construction of temporary plinths to create more space in its depots—subject to availability and suitability. FCI is also hiring storage space from the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs), private parties, etc. to meet the requirement of space for the ensuing Rabi/Kharif. The CWC proposes to construct an additional capacity of 1.89 lakh MT during 1999-2000 and 2.03 lakh MT during 2000-2001 as per the targets given by the Planning

Commission. Apart from CWC, there are sixteen SWCs operating in sixteen different States of the country. SWCs have proposals to construct storing capacity of 3.285 lakh tonnes and 3.198 lakh tonnes during the years 1999-2000 and 2000- 2001 respectively.

PDS Quota of Edible Oil for Assam

1688. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota of edible oil fixed for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for Assam for distribution through Public Distribution System;

(b) the details of actual release of quota during 1999-2000; and

(c) the details of demand made by Assam Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) No quota is fixed by Central Government for States/Union Territories with regard to allocation of imported edible oils for supply through the Public Distribution system. Allocation is made on the basis of requests from State Governments. In January, 1999, the Government of Assam had intimated "nil" demand for imported edible oils for the calendar year 1999. Hence, no allocation was made to Assam for that period. In December, 1999, all States/Union Territories, indcluding Assam, were requested to intimate their requirements for the calendar year 2000. No reply has so far been received from the Government of Assam.

Hasty Deal by Super Bazar, Delhi

1689. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Indian Express dated 23th February, 2000 under the caption "Why Delhi's Super Bazar hurried to seal a deal in just 12 hours";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted into this and other affairs of the Super Bazar, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER